

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

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“no man ever yet hated his
own flesh; but nourisheth
and cherisheth it, even as
the LORD the church.”

EPHESIANS CHAPTER 5

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	11:00 am
Wednesday Worship	7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

This evening's featured podcast speaker will be PASTOR EMERITUS JACK SHANKS

JOHN 10:14-15 — MY SHEEP KNOW ME

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***Our featured sermon is made available every Sunday at 6:00 PM**

FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH

“THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.” (JOHN 1:14)

Believer, YOU can bear your testimony that CHRIST is ‘*the only begotten of the Father*’, as well as the first begotten from the dead. You can say, “He is divine to me, if He be human to all the world beside. He has done that for me which none but a GOD could do. He has subdued my stubborn will, melted a heart of adamant, opened gates of brass, and snapped bars of iron. He hath turned for me my mourning into laughter, and my desolation into joy; He hath led my captivity captive, and made my heart rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Let others think as they will of Him, to me He must be the only begotten of the Father: blessed be His name. And He is *full of grace*. Ah! had He not been I should never have been saved. He drew me when I struggled to escape from His grace; and when at last I came all trembling like a condemned culprit to His mercy-seat He said, ‘*Thy sins which are many are all forgiven thee: be of good cheer.*’ And He is *full of truth*. True have His promises been, not one has failed. I bear witness that never servant had such a master as I have; never brother such a kinsman as He has been to me; never spouse such a husband as CHRIST has been to my soul; never sinner a better SAVIOUR; never mourner a better comforter than CHRIST hath been to my spirit. I want none beside Him. In life He is my life, and in death He shall be the death of death; in poverty CHRIST is my riches; in sickness He makes my bed;

in darkness He is my star, and in brightness He is my sun; He is the manna of the camp in the wilderness, and He shall be the new corn of the host when they come to Canaan. JESUS is to me all grace and no wrath, all truth and no falsehood: and of truth and grace He is *full*, infinitely full. My soul, this night, bless with all thy might *“the only Begotten.”* PASTOR **CHARLES SPURGEON**

MODERATION

“LET YOUR MODERATION BE KNOWN UNTO ALL MEN” (PHILIPPIANS 4:5)

And how will men know our moderation? Not by us telling them we are moderate, but by being moderate toward them. This word is also translated gentle, forbearing, and patient. It carries with it the Idea of being merciful, humane, and non-judgmental. We cannot be merciful or humane if we are judgmental. There are myriad reasons to not be judgmental. The LORD forbids it. If we judge, we will be judged. It is hypocritical, because we arrogate [claim without justification] ourselves to the position that belongs to CHRIST only. We are incapable of a fair or right judgment because we do not know all the facts. Our moderation will only be known to men by us being a merciful and non-judgmental people towards others.

PASTOR **TODD NIBERT**

CHRIST JESUS THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS

“...SHE SHALL BE CALLED, JEHOVAH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.” (JEREMIAH 33:16)

Our Redeemer, is, that JEHOVAH [the LORD] JESUS our righteousness is the very righteousness of his people. Let the reader remember that JESUS is not said to be *a righteous person*, but *righteousness itself*. Angels may be, and sometimes are, called righteous, and so are the servants of GOD; but none of them can be called righteousness. This belongs only to GOD our SAVIOUR: all other righteousness is derived, and is from HIM; but the righteousness of the LORD JESUS is essentially and necessarily HIS own. HE is righteousness itself; and his GODHEAD both proves HIS righteousness, and his righteousness demonstrates HIS GODHEAD. This is one sweet feature of this name of our LORD; and there is another included in it, namely, that this righteousness is ours. For by virtue of union and oneness with HIM, all that HE is as the HEAD of HIS body the church, HE is for and in HIS people. Hence HE is said to have been made sin for them when he knew no sin that they might be made the righteousness of GOD IN HIM (2 CORINTHIANS 5:21). “*And he is made of God to them wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption.*” (1 CORINTHIANS 1:30) And what crowns the whole is, that CHRIST and his righteousness being so for ever, so must his people be in HIM. HIS person being infinite, so must be HIS righteousness; and therefore, HE is said to have saved HIS people with an everlasting righteousness, by reason of which they shall not be ashamed nor confounded, world without end. Well might the HOLY GHOST command

the church to exclaim, “Surely shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength.” (ISAIAH 45:24) I would only add, as a further confirmation of the interest the church hath in CHRIST and the oneness there is between them, the church also is called the LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS, because her glorious HUSBAND is so; thus proving her marriage by taking the name of her husband. Oh, the blessedness in that one title, JEHOVAH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS!

PASTOR **ROBERT HAWKER**

HE HATETH PUTTING AWAY

“...THE LORD, THE GOD OF ISRAEL, SAITH THAT HE HATETH PUTTING AWAY...” (MALACHI 2:16)

Beloved, our husband, the LORD JESUS CHRIST hates putting away! He will not put away HIS beloved bride!

Who is this bride that he will not put away? Who is it that giveth the church to be married to this faithful man, the LORD JESUS CHRIST?

Our LORD declares the blessed answer to our questions. The FATHER gives her (the Church, His Bride) to HIM. He declares “*All that the Father giveth me, shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*” (JOHN 6:37)

Why is that? Why are none cast out? Why are none put away? Because the SON OF GOD is well pleasing in HIS sight and everything HE does shall prosper! (PSALM 1:3) HIS bride is kept by HIS loving faithful power! (1 PETER 1:5)

Believer, because the LORD hateth putting away, his beloved SON will in no wise cast you out! Our LORD keeps His bride!

Beloved, what a wonderful husband our LORD JESUS is! Look at the faithfulness of our Husband. Our LORD JESUS keeps us, though we be, *SICK, POOR, and UTTERLY* ruined. HE keeps us beloved and will in no wise cast us out!

PASTOR

NO BILL OF DIVORCEMENT

“WHAT THEREFORE GOD HATH JOINED TOGETHER, LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER.” (MARK 10:9)

You have seen the LORD JESUS decidedly giving HIS [disapproval] to all divorcement (MARK 10:1-12). Perhaps it will be asked, yea it should be asked, as the most interesting question of all others: Did ever JESUS put away his wife? To which [question I do] most humbly to say; I think not. Let the reader look over the word of GOD for himself, (and never never can he be engaged in a question of higher consequence,) and I persuade myself [the reader] will conclude with me, that no bill of divorcement was ever given by JESUS to his Church. — Oh! what blessedness will in the end appear, when after all the treacherous departures of JESUS’s Church [His bride], in all her spiritual adulteries, JESUS must, he will, yea, he cannot rest until he hath brought her home to HIS FATHER’s house, and presented her to himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she shall be holy and without blemish.

PASTOR **ROBERT HAWKER**